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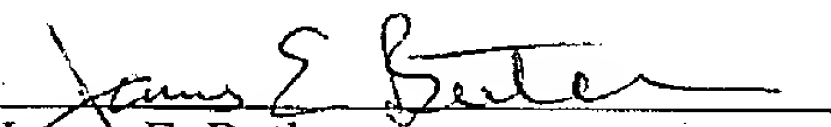
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 3, 2004,  
Applicant respectfully re-submits the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the  
response filed on February 11, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.